## RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, on September 24, 2009, Council adopted Resolution No.
3	20090924-068 to develop a master plan for Festival Beach, Fiesta Gardens, and
4	the Holly Power Plant Site Park; and
5	WHEREAS, on August 28, 2014, Council approved the Holly
6	Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach, Fiesta Gardens Master Plan
7	(Holly Shores Master Plan), including a friendly amendment by Council Member
8	Martinez to move forward with a "food forest" pilot program on two-thirds of an
9	acre on Festival Beach, with future phased expansion subject to Council approval;
0	and
1	WHEREAS, Fruitful Commons is the 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor of the
2	Festival Beach Food Forest (Food Forest), which is also supported and maintained
3	by volunteers, donations, grants, and community partnerships; and
4	WHEREAS, the Food Forest and the area of its planned expansion are
5	located on underutilized parkland; and
6	WHEREAS, the Food Forest's phased expansion plan will coincide with
17	monies being raised to fund the expansion and the timeline for expansion is
8	flexible to allow for adequate funding; and
9	WHEREAS, on June 10, 2021, Council adopted Resolution No. 20210610-
20	039 directing the City Manager to create a prioritization matrix to identify and
21	utilize City-owned land to strengthen our local and regional food systems; and
22	WHEREAS, the City's Urban Forestry program and the Parks and
23	Recreation Department have provided support, including grant funding, for an
24	equitable and regenerative community engagement and design process for the
25	planned, phased expansion of the Food Forest; and

26	WHEREAS, the Food Forest is part of our local food system and provides
27	access to fresh and healthy foods to the East Cesar Chavez and Holly
28	Neighborhoods; and
29	WHEREAS, the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center (RBJ) at 21 Waller
30	Street provides independent living to seniors and people with disabilities and
31	those residents utilize the Food Forest as an amenity and food resource within
32	walking distance; and
33	WHEREAS, Serafina Pantry, which serves RBJ residents, regularly
34	benefits from surplus Food Forest harvests and educational and social events;
35	and
36	WHEREAS, the Thriving Cities Challenge is a competition led by the
37	Salazar Center for North American Conservation focused on finding innovative,
38	nature-based solutions that improve the equity, health, and resilience of urban
39	communities in North America and awarding \$100,000 grants to selected
40	contestants; and
41	WHEREAS, the Festival Beach Food Forest is a finalist in this
42	competition, attaining a score of twenty-two out of twenty-five from national
43	judges; NOW, THEREFORE,
44	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
45	The City Manager shall work with the appropriate City department to
46	partner with the Festival Beach Food Forest to plan, design, implement, and
47	maintain a three-acre phased expansion of the Festival Beach Food Forest, as
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called for in the Holly Shores Master Plan, shall amend the Holly Shore Master

Plan if required to reflect the expansion, and shall report back to Council with an

update on or before November 1, 2021.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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